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1. GOVERNMENT-PUBLISHED BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS OF DECEMBER 30
CARRIES AS MAJOR STORY ARTICLE ENTITLED QUOTE PRESIDENT TO
ATTEND SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT. QUOTE. PRESIDENT SIR SERETSE KHAMA
WILL ATTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMIT OF HEADS OF STATE OF THE
ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU) IN ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
ON JANUARY 10, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY.

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EM OTHER IN THE DELEGATION WILL BE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS ARCHIE MOGWE, ACTING SECRETARY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SAMUEL MPUCHANE AND SENIOR PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT JOSEPH LEGWAILA. MINISTER MOGWE WHO IS ON LEAVE, WILL LEAD A DELEGATION ON JANUARY 6 FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE OAU SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 8 AND 9.

4. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT THE OAU SUMMIT, WHICH IS REGARDED AS ONE OF THE MOST CRUCIAL IN THE ORGANISATION S HISTORY, WILL BE FACED WITH THE THORNY PROBLEM OF THE ANGOLAN DEBACLE IN WHICH THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS ARE LOCKED UP IN A BLOODY CONFRONTATION FOR THE CONTROL OF THIS MINERAL-RICH TERRITORY WHICH GAINED INDEPENDENCE ON NOVEMBER 11. THEY ARE ALSO EXPECTED TO REVIEW AND TAKE A STAND REGARDING FOREIGN MILITARY INVOLMENT IN THE CIVIL WAR. SEVERAL COUNTRIES HAVE ALREADY RECOGNISED THE PEOPLES REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA, SET UP BY THE POPULAR MOVEMENT FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA (MPLA), WHILE OTHERS HAVE CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

5. MEANWHILE PRESIDENT IDI AMIN OF UGANDA WHO IS ALSO THE CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU HAS CALLED ON ALL AFRICAN STATES TO SUPPORT THE RUSSIAN POLICY IN ANGOLA. RUSSIA SUPPORTS THE MPLA. PRESIDENT AMIN SAID WHEN AFRICA WAS IN TROUBLE IT WAS THE RUSSIANS AND THE CHINESE AND THEIR ALLIES WHO CAME TO HER RESCUE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, UGANDA WILL NOT SUPPORT ANY ONE OF THE THREE O MOVEMENTS UNTIL AFTER THE FORTHCOMING OAU SUMMIT.

6. REUTER REPORTS THAT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE MPLA HAS REJECTED A CALL FROM A RIVAL MOVEMENT FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE TO BE FOLLOWED BY FREE ELECTIONS UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ORGANISATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.

7. MAJOR HENRIQUE CARVALHO DOS SANTOS, LEADER OF THE THREE-MEMBER DELEGATION FROM THE MPLA KINGSTON, JAMAICA RECENTLY, SAID HIS ORGANISATION HAD NO INTENTION OF ACCEPTING THE CALL MADE LAST WEEK BY THE NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANGOLA (UNITA).

8. MAJOR CARVALHO TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE LEAVING WITH HIS DELEGATION YESTERDAY THAT LAST MONTH UNITA HAD PLEDGED

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TO FIGHT FOR THE FORMER PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORY UNTIL THE LAST MPLA SUPPORTER WAS DEAD.

9. BUT NOW THAT THEY ARE LOSING THE BATTLE, THEY ARE CALLING FOR A CEASE-FIRE, HE ADDED.

10. THE MAJOR WHO WAS IN JAMAICA ON A SUPPORTING MISSION, SAID THE MPLA HOPED THAT JAMAICA WOULD RECOGNIZE THE GOVERNMENT

IT SET UP IN LUANDA SHORTLY AFTER ANGOLA S INDEPENDENCE,BUT NO OFFICIAL REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE TO JAMAICA PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY.

11. CHINA, ON THE OTHER HAND, HAD DESCRIBED THE SOVIET UNION LEADERSHIP AS AJCH-CHZINALS WHO HAVE STIRRED UP AND EXACERBATED THE CIVIL WAR IN ANGOLA AND UNDERMINED AFRICAN UNITY. THE OFFICIAL NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY, IN A COMMENTARY MONITORED IN HONG KONG YESTERDAY, SAID: FACTS SHOW THAT, IN ORDER TO WIN NATIONAL LIBERATION, THE AFRICAN PEOPLE HAVE TO FIGHT COLONIALISM AND EVEN MORE SO, THE SUPERPOWERS.

12. IN THE WAKE OF THE SHARPENED SOVIET-US SCRAMBLE FOR DOMINATION IN THE WORLD AND AFRICA IN RECENT YEARS, THE SOCIAL-IMPERIALISTS HAVE ACTED MORE COVETOUSLY AND BLATANTLY IN THEIR INFILTRATION AND EXPANSION IN AFRICA. THEIR WANTON INTERVENTION, SUBVERSION, PLUNDER AND SPLITTING ACTIVITIES AGAINST AFRICAN COUNTRIES IN THE GUISE OF SUPPORT AND AID HAVE SERVED TO TEACH THE AFRICAN PEOPLE IN A NEGATIVE WAY. END QUOTE.

QEM COMMENT: PARAGRAPHS 2 - 5 CONSTITUTE FIRST LOCALLY GENERATED PUBLIC COMMENTARY ON ANGOLA SINCE MOGWE STATEMENT IN MID-NOVEMBER (REF C).
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